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any concern about what you are adopting into Nebraska law from federal law? You don't even know what it is. I pride myself on being informed. I don't know what it is, and I'm not going to take the time to find out. This, when I say it's poorly crafted, I'm not talking about the selection of words to express the idea, this is a bad bill that the Nebraska National Guard has brought to us, and they need to know that I think it's bad. However, if you got a sock on the left foot and it's stinky, and you got a sock on the right foot and it's stinky, and you want to replace the stinky foot on the...sock on the left foot with the stinky sock on the right foot, I say go ahead and do it. I'm not going to resist...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...your adopting this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Vrtiska, on your amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm sorry, Senator Chambers, that...well, you've gone far beyond what I consider...and first of all, if these people are called up for duty as Nebraska's National Guard people, and they are assigned to protect federal installations, then they become...this applies. And, of course, the whole section applies because it is federal law already, and all we're doing is adopting those sections that apply to...under the federal act into this...into the state of Nebraska. And I can't understand, you said that it was too early in the morning and I'm pretty stupid and I have to agree that that's probably true. But as I understand this, that's all it does, and I don't know where the difficulty in adopting that kind of an amendment into this particular piece of legislation. Apparently, we disagree on what it does. I have...I'll have to agree with you. I haven't read every one of these areas that you're talking about, the other extra sections that are being adopted. But I guess I'm...have enough faith in what we're trying to do to believe that it's not going to be that onerous because, after all, it is federal law and what we are doing is adopting the federal law into state law to make them under the same kind of...under the